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* 1706 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government have received any communication from the Centre with regard to the alternative schemes for the exploitation of lignite deposits at Neyveli recommended by Powell Duffryn Technical Services Company, Limited?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" No, Sir."

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" Sir, two days ago, some of the hon. Members of this House, probably along with the Hon. Minister, had an opportunity of visiting Neyveli and seeing the mines there. May I know what their impressions were? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" With regard to the impression of the hon. Members who can answer the question? "

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE.

(1) PRIVILEGE MOTION *re* ACTION OF MAGISTRATE IN POSTING SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR'S CASE DURING BUDGET SESSION.

MR. SPEAKER :—" I hope the House will remember that hon. Member Sri Kalyanasundaram gave notice of a privilege motion."

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I have gone through the proposed motion. I find that it relates to the proceedings in a Court of Law. The discussion of that matter here is likely to create further complications. May I therefore request the hon. Deputy Leader of the Opposition through you, Sir, not to press his motion. I also request the Press not to publish anything about this matter."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" Sir, what I need is only remedy and not publicity or embarrassment to Government. So, I do not press it."

III.—MOTION UNDER RULE 40 OF MADRAS ASSEMBLY RULES *RE* INADEQUATE WATER-SUPPLY IN THE TINDIVANAM MUNICIPAL AREA.

* SRI M. JAGANNATHAN :—" Mr. Speaker, I wish to call the attention of the Hon. Minister for Health to a matter of urgent public importance, viz.—

'the inadequate water-supply in the Tindivanam Municipal area, the relief measures to be taken in view of the coming summer and the necessity to help the municipality to take up water-supply and drainage schemes immediately.'

" Sir, the people of Tindivanam Municipality are drifting in spite of themselves towards a state of emergency so far as water-supply is concerned. It will not be an exaggeration if I say that a water famine has already started showing its ugly head at present in Tindivanam. The Tindivanam Municipality is depending upon a tank called Rajankulam for the supply of drinking water. But unfortunately, the water in that tank is not only

insufficient for and incommensurate with the needs of the people, but is also muddy and filthy. So, it is very difficult for the people to have sufficient drinking water. If there is any place in South India where drinking water has been commercialised, it is Tindivanam. Cartloads of drinking water are taken in the streets of Tindivanam and sold for money. Out of dire necessity, even poor people have to pay money and get drinking water. This is really heart rending and must arrest the attention of the Government. I humbly request the Hon. Minister for Health to come forward and give topmost priority to the execution of the water-supply and drainage schemes of the Tindivanam Municipality."

* THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Mr. Speaker, I wish to briefly state the position in regard to water scarcity in the Tindivanam Municipal area and the measures that are being taken by the Government in the matter.

" Sir, in order to meet the drinking water scarcity in Tindivanam, proposals were considered in 1946 for a restricted local scheme of improvements to Rajankulam tank bed. Plans and estimates for this restricted Water-Supply Scheme were also drawn up. But eventually, because of the doubtful utility of these improvements, the investigation of a comprehensive Water-Supply Scheme for the Municipality was taken up under orders of Government.

" Based on the details of this investigation, plans and estimates were drawn up for the First Stage of the scheme for execution. The proposal is to sink an infiltration well in the Thondiyar river near Rettanai village, some eight miles from the town, and conduct full power tests thereon. The Municipality has recently been advised by the Sanitary Engineer to take immediate steps to acquire the lands required for the headworks. Tenders for the infiltration well work have been received and the execution will be taken on hand shortly.

" The first stage of the scheme will be got completed by this summer and simultaneously measures will be taken to proceed with the full scheme without loss of time.

" If, before the completion of the comprehensive Water-Supply Scheme for the town, there should be scarcity of drinking water within the Municipal area, the Municipality may come up with proposals to the Government for temporary local remedial measures to tide over the crisis for the consideration of the Government."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" Sir, as the programme stands at present, we will be having four more sittings of the House for this session. There are a number of notices under rule 40 calling attention of the Hon. Ministers concerned. Most of them are now pending. I request the Hon. Leader of the House, through

you, Sir, to arrange to have at least one such notice every day so that we may be able to dispose of at least four of them. Otherwise, if they are carried over, it will be of no use, Sir."

IV—MOTION UNDER RULE 23 (1) OF THE MADRAS ASSEMBLY RULES *RE* CHANGE IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Mr. Speaker, I move—

'*That Rule 23 (1) of the Madras Assembly Rules be suspended and the House do resolve to transact Government business on Thursday, the 31st March 1955.*' "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

'That Rule 23 (1) of the Madras Assembly Rules be suspended and the House do resolve to transact Government business on Thursday, the 31st March 1955.' "

The motion was put and carried.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" Sir, I want to make one more submission. Some one-hour debates are pending. I request that they may also be accommodated in one of the night sittings of the House."

MR. SPEAKER :—" All right. We can take them up during the night sittings."

II.—BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE—*cont.*

(2) DISCUSSION *re* RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Mr. Speaker, I beg to present the report of the Select Committee . . ."

* SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, the Business Advisory Committee has circulated a tentative time-table of the Bills. Before we take them up here, it is better a formal motion is moved here so that we can have it as the order of the House."

MR. SPEAKER :—" If the hon. Members want that it should be an order of the House, I have no objection. But, they must also remember that when once it is made an order of the House, there will be difficulty in changing it. An amendment has to be brought forward for changing it."

* SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, the recommendations of the Business Advisory Committee are contemplated to be the order of the House. If there is to be any change, I think it can be changed and there will not be any difficulty."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" Sir, I am sorry I have to differ from the opinion expressed by my hon. Friend Sri Narayana Kurup. The proposal of the Business Advisory Committee